



HISTORIC PRESERVATION “Current Use” Tax Reduction Program



Through its *Current Use* tax reduction program, Clark County has rewarded citizens' commitments to a healthy community and sustainable development. These benefits reward property owners who dedicate their land to agriculture, forestry, or to

Historic Preservation.

Purpose:

Many existing sites and structures exemplify Clark County's rich history. These sites are important to our community's sense of place, identity, heritage, and the education of our children. Property owners who register their historic properties make a commitment to preserving these sites. One of their rewards is a lower tax assessment for the underlying land.

Process:

Every Property listed on the Clark County Heritage Register is eligible. To submit nominations to the register, call 397-2375 (4909). After being listed, applications can be made for tax reductions at the Assessor's Office in the Clark County Public Service Building (1300 Franklin Street, 2nd floor, Vancouver). A one-time application fee (\$521 in 2003), is often offset by the first year's benefit. The application is a simple one. The special tax assessment begins on January 1 of the year following the application. For more information call the Assessor's Current Use staff at 397-2391, or the Historic Preservation Program at 397-2375 (4909)



Perks:

Here's an example of the savings for an owner of a historic home:

Sample	Original Value	With Historic Assessment	For an ANNUAL SAVINGS of \$646.00
House	108,700	108,700	
Land	53,800	10,200	
Tax	\$2,430	\$1,783	

Clark County believes good land stewardship should be rewarded, including the preservation of our cultural and historic assets. Preservation of significant historic structures is needed so that current and future generations can appreciate our County's rich past and invest in our promising future.